UNITED
NATIONS

S

Security Council

Distr.
GENERAL

S/1997/353
5 May 1997
ENGLISH
ORIGINAL: RUSSIAN

LETTER DATED 5 MAY 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TAJIKISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you a message dated 1 May 1997 from the participants in the meeting of the Government, the Majlis -i Oli (Parliament) and representatives of the public in Tajikistan to the Heads of State and Parliaments of the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rashid ALIMOV
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Tajikistan

97-11801 (E) 060597 060597 070597

/...

Annex

Message from the participants in the meeting of the Government, the Majlis -i Oli (Parliament) and representatives of the public in Tajikistan to the Heads of State and Parliaments of the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States, issued in Dushanbe on 1 May 1997

The Government of Tajikistan, headed by President Emomali Rakhomonov, is firmly pursuing a course of establishing peace and civil harmony and ensuring social progress in our country. The foundations of a democratic State ruled by law are progressively being laid in Tajikistan.

The visible achievements of this newly independent State in this direction are not to the liking of those who, in pursuit of their own ambitions and self-interest and seeking to achieve power by any means, eschew no shady enterprise or intrigue, and even resort to terror.

The attempt on 30 April 1997 on the life of the President of Tajikistan, a man who has made it his main objective to achieve peace and national harmony in Tajikistan, aroused anger and indignation not only in our country, but also abroad. The heads of a number of States of the Commonwealth of Independent States and other foreign countries sent telegrams in support of President Emomali Rakhomonov.

Terrorism, as a crime against mankind, is condemned by all peoples of the world, including the people of Tajikistan, which has in recent years experienced for itself the bitterness and pain of the losses this terrible phenomenon brings with it. Terrorism acknowledges no State and national borders, and is particularly dangerous in that it is directed against the highest of values, namely life. The terrorist act committed on 30 April claimed 74 victims, 2 of whom were killed.

The history of international terrorism testifies to the fact that, unfortunately, the criminals frequently escape justice by going into hiding in other countries.

We, the participants in the meeting of the Government, the Majlis -i Oli (Parliament) and representatives of the public in Tajikistan call on all the Heads of State and Parliaments of the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States to join forces to halt the activity of terrorists, detain them in the territory of their countries and hand them over to be put on trial.

Only by combating international terrorism together will we be able successfully to resist this crime against mankind.